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1. A VNOS early warning post was located approximately 150 meters south west of Point 2, (see sketch). It consisted of a brick house, eight meters by five meters, single storied, plastered, shed type roof (material not recalled) with a wooden shack built on top of it. In the immediate vicinity of the house one wire was fastened between two wooden posts, six meters high. The poles stood 20 meters apart. one end of the wire led into the house. No technical equipment such as trucks or generators was seen in the vicinity.

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2. there was an armed observer stationed in the wooden shack on the roof of the building. At night one soldier walked in the vicinity of the post. The day observer was equipped with binoculars. It was rumored that shifts lasted four hours. Discipline was obviously lax, as the observers were often seen reading books while on duty. During warm weather observers were seen wearing T-shirts.

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it was known that VNOS personnel had a lot of free time which they spent either fishing or swimming in small rivers nearby. Personnel of this unit did not have to attend political indoctrination lectures

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The only time these personnel came to the border guards was when a movie was to be shown. On such occasions, only one man stayed behind

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3. The group numbered ten men with a sergeant in charge. The average age was 20 to 22. Tour of duty was four years. The soldiers wore the usual army uniforms, with black shoulder boards with blue piping. No other insignia noticed. The unit was self-sufficient (cooked their own meals, food was delivered by rail). One of the VNOS people, of Azerbaydzhan origin, supposedly had a girl friend in a nearby village; details unknown.

4. [redacted] the house [redacted]
[redacted] There were field cots and soldiers' field equipment on one side of the room. On the other side there was a table with some technical equipment [redacted] described as follows: a radio set and a set of earphones. The power was supposedly supplied by batteries which were kept in the room (hearsay). [redacted]
[redacted] On the wall many pictures of aircraft were displayed. All aircraft were foreign [redacted]. The aircraft were shown in profile. [redacted]

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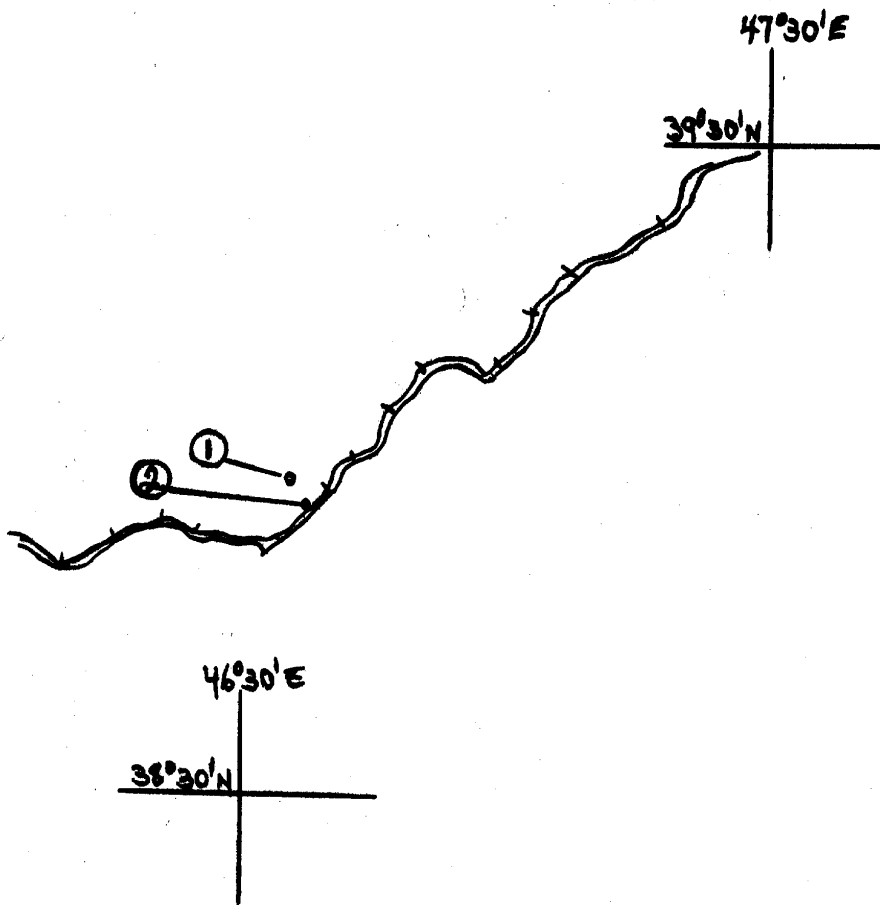
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Saveran Mountains, Scale 1:1,000,000

1. Bartaz - Very small native settlement.
2. Border Guard Post #3 - Part of the 1st Command Post of the 42nd Separate Border Guard Detachment.

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